

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FUND

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to highlight the good work of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund began in 1970 from a parent's idea to begin a fundraising effort with the aim to promote the research of a cure for juvenile diabetes. To date, the organization has raised more than \$1.5 billion, including \$107 million last year alone. More than 80 percent of those funds go directly to support research and research-related education.

JDRF now has over 100 locations around the world and currently funds research in 19 countries.

Diabetes and its complications cost the United States more than \$174 billion a year and it is a growing epidemic. Every year, there are roughly 30,000 new cases of Type-1 diabetes discovered in America and more than 1.6 million cases of diabetes are diagnosed every year. That's one every 30 seconds.

Type-1 Diabetes typically affects young adults and children. They are forced at a young age to learn how to monitor their blood levels and inject insulin when it's low. This can also be a worrisome and anxious experience.

This is why we must encourage the Food and Drug Administration to continue in its approval process for the artificial pancreas. Earlier this year, 60 Senators and 250 Representatives sent a letter to the FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg expressing their support for the artificial pancreas.

This new device will allow children to return to their lives and give parents the peace of mind in knowing that their children will not forget to check their insulin levels. The artificial pancreas is a device that can automatically monitor and regulate glucose levels without requiring blood to be drawn.

Jeffrey Brewer, President and CEO of JDRF, said, "An artificial pancreas, which would automatically monitor and regulate glucose levels, has the potential to transform the care of people with type 1 diabetes." It estimated the artificial pancreas could save Medicare \$23 million over 10 years and \$1.9 billion over 25 years by lowering the number of complications associated with the disease.

I am hopeful that the FDA will stick to its publicly announced December 2011 draft guidance deadline. This will allow us to move into the crucial next phase of real world testing of this potentially life saving device. I would urge my colleagues to continue to monitor this situation and ensure that the FDA stays true to their word on the guidance.

There may not be a cure for diabetes yet but with organizations like the JDRF leading the way in encouraging research and funding

grant programs we are getting closer to a cure each day.

### RECOGNIZING THE 446TH AIRLIFT WING FOR EARNING THE AIR FORCE MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 446th Airlift Wing for earning the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award. The award reflects the wing's outstanding performance flying combat and peacetime missions between 2008 and 2010.

The 446th Airlift Wing is Washington State's only Air Force Reserve flying unit and performs roughly 44 percent of all C-17 missions leaving McChord Field located on Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Having won this accolade in 2007, this honor marks the second time the 446th Airlift Wing has earned the Meritorious Unit Award.

The Meritorious Unit Award was established in 2004 to recognize organizations for exceptional achievement or service in direct support of combat operations. The 2,100 airmen who make up the 446th Airlift Wing are honored for contributing directly to national objectives and continuously demonstrating their combat readiness as they fulfilled global peacetime and wartime operations. Flying more than 9,700 missions in more than 42,000 flying hours averaging 2,000 missions every four months to 11 different Iraqi airfields proves that this unit is nothing short of exemplary.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the 446th for its performance and its commitment to serving the United States. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in congratulating the 446th Airlift Wing for receiving the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award.

### IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an instrumental figure in the Civil Rights Movement, Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth. Reverend Shuttlesworth passed away at the age of 89.

Born in Montgomery County, Alabama, Reverend Shuttlesworth was no stranger to frequent discrimination and violence as he lived out his life. Having endured countless beatings, bombings, and arrests, Reverend Shuttlesworth would become a leading force in the historic fight for equal rights.

Reverend Shuttlesworth was one of the primary pillars of the iconic "Big Three," founded jointly with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, and others. While Reverend Shuttlesworth may not have been as much of a household name as Dr. King, for example, his contributions to the Movement were irrefutably just as pivotal to its success.

Reverend Shuttlesworth was a major actor in the formation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC, a civil rights organization that helped to mobilize thousands of people during rallies and protests in the name of equality. He also helped to organize the Freedom Rides through his work with the Congress on Racial Equality, CORE. Also known for his outspoken and aggressive advocacy, Reverend Shuttlesworth worked closely with Dr. King to maintain momentum behind the Movement whenever Dr. King's conciliatory approach may have failed. Today, his contributions remain clear and his personal sacrifices revered.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by this tremendous loss. Reverend Shuttlesworth was a well-respected and principled individual who was fearless even in the face of insurmountable odds. Reverend Shuttlesworth selflessly endured great personal sacrifice so that he could perpetuate a movement that went well beyond his own life. For that I rise to honor his lasting contributions to this nation.

### A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD SUDAN

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, which I chair, held a hearing that examined a wide range of issues involving U.S. policy toward Sudan, including the ongoing attacks on Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile states, the continuing negotiations with the Republic of South Sudan on challenges such as the demarcation of the border, the fate of the Abyei region, citizenship in both countries and oil revenue sharing. Additionally, this hearing provided opportunities to receive an update on the U.S. response to the enduring stalemate on Darfur and to examine U.S. policy on the release of Sudanese still held in bondage throughout Sudan.

Two months ago, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held an emergency hearing on the attacks by the Republic of the Sudan on its own Southern Kordofan state. The crisis first arose in June, shortly after the military forces of the Khartoum government attacked the disputed Abyei area. This was apparently a provocation to the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement, or SPLM, government in what is now South

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